

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 835

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate Women Veterans Appreciation Day, June 12, 2020.

WHEREAS, throughout all periods of history for both the State of Tennessee and the United States, women have served proudly as citizens and as public servants, unofficially and formally, in their efforts to secure and preserve the freedom of all; and

WHEREAS, women have proudly served informally since the inception of the United States military and most honorably for the State of Tennessee, with notable dates being the Army Nurses Corps, 1901; Women Armed Services Integration Act, June 12, 1948; and combat jobs opened to women, December 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, women have also served honorably and with valor, from the times of the American Revolution, the Civil War, both World Wars, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War and more recent times of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and subsequently throughout this year of 2020, as the United States still participates in current worldwide conflicts; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of women have served this country, rising to more than 400,000 women during World War II, where they served in all functional areas of war, as some female troops were captured and held as Prisoners of War, while others made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, women continued through the mid-1990s to fight for the right to serve their country, and women veterans still do not adequately receive the recognition and respect they have earned throughout centuries of faithful service; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should remember that women are veterans too, and that the State of Tennessee has over 50,000 women veterans who not only served this country and this

State with courageous, honorable military service, but continue to serve in their communities, schools, businesses, and churches; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we are proud to commemorate June 12, 2020, as Women Veterans Appreciation Day in Tennessee to honor the growing presence of women in the entire United States Armed Forces and their valiant service and sacrifices on behalf of the State of Tennessee and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.